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## KOLEKTIN PÓSTEJ STAMPS.

Hou muc dū yú cárj for a ful kolekçun ov Póstej stamps? iz a kwescun wí ár ofn áskt, but find veri difikult tu ansur, and aóz hú hav traíd ai eksperiment ov obténiñ wun, wil olmóst fil inklaind tu envi ae blisful ignorans ov ae propoundtr. Tu its vótariz, laik ae mfráj ov ae dezurt, its encántiñ vij-un bekunz and risfdz, and aó ofn aparentli wiçin ríe ov ae pursúur, its aténment kan nevur bí ríalaizd.

But hwail it iz imposibl tu obtén a komplít kolekçun, ivn a moderet numbur ov kérfuli silekted and wel arénd stamps ár a sórs ov grét gratifükéçun tu ae pozest, and hwen körfuli egzamind, kombainiñ az dé dú, ae studi ov Jíografi, Histori, Árt and Politikal Í-konomi, it iz not surpaiziñ dat hwot at furst sait aprí but traiflz, çud bí wun ov ae fíevrit objekts ov pursút wia pípl ov kulcur and tést.

But fú ov aóz hú komens, hav eni 'adikwet aidfa ov hwot koñstitúts a gud kolekçun, and it iz jeneruli bai ripíted fílyurz dat ae foundéçun for wun iz léd. Meni pípl, supóziñ dat it iz ónli neseseri tu prókûr a fain album, and dat bai ekspendíj a sertin amount ov muni, aé wil hav a kolekçun ov hwic aé mé justli bí proud, komens kolekting wia grét zíl, but sún faindiñ dat ai album iz inkoplít, or haz spésez for wurales imposturz, or dat aé hav put in meni tórn or grísi stamps hwic rúin ai apírans ov ól; sel out in hést, and reprízent ae hól afer az a swindl.

Wun ov ae cif difíkultiz wí mft at ai outset iz tu obtén a gud stamp al-bum, for nírli ól hav spésez for stc-rubiç az ae Hamburg lókalz, or uaurz imposturz, and bai ae taim aé ár a yír

óld, só meni nü stamps ár içúd, and divijunz ov empair méd, dat ae hár-muni ov ai arénjment iz grétili injurd. Hwèr ae kolektur duz not kér for ae varaiitiz ov kultur, perforéçun and wó-turmárk, bai ci adiqun ov blañk lívz aé ansur veri wel, olaó ae blañk spésez olwez prízent an unfiniñt apírans. Fú ov ae best kolekçunz ár in printed al-bumz; sum ár in skrap buks, uaurz in blañk al-bumz, and uaurz stil ár kept in boksez ov envelops. Sum stamp al-bumz hav spésez printed on bór saidz ov ae pépur, hwic méks ae kolekçun luk krouded and spoilz it for sél, uaurz ár só bulki az tu bí veri inkonvíyent.

Our aidfa ov ae best stail iz tu hav wun méd ov aik bond pépur, konténiñ from 100 tu 150 lívz about 10 incez bai 12, wia lait but stíf Morokó kuvur wiout klasp, and méd tu ópn flat, wia or wiout ekstra gárdz. Ae hedíñz çud bí printed in bai a skilful penman, and a hevili rúld çít ov pépur tu plés undur ae lívz wil kíp ae stamps in strét lainz. \*Sue an album wud hóld from 5 tu 10,000 stamps, kost from \$8 tu \$10, and wé ónli about 2 lbs. Bai yíziñ ae timbrofilets ae lívz ár kept smúç, and ae stamps kan bí fzili rimívd or cénjd for betur wunz.

In mékiñ up a kolekçun, ól tórn or badli difést spesimenz çud bí rijekted; ae perforéçunz or márjin kept entair, and ai envelop stamps kut skwér or kept hól. Aftur skimiñ ae stamps yúz pür strénd gum arabik ónli. Revinú stamps ov ól néçunz, (eksept ourz for likur and tobakó) mé bí inklúded, ólsó genyuin lókalz; sum prisur yúzd, uaurz unyúzd stamps, and ól hú avoid ai erurz wí hav diskraibd, wil hav an ornament wiç hwic fú wil bí wiliq tu párt.

## 6 NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

A notice of our journal occupies nearly a page of the September no. of the Coin and Stamp Collector's Magazine; an interesting monthly of 16 pages, published at \$1 50 per annum by Mason & Co., 139 North 9th st., Philadelphia. The editor in criticising our first page, expresses, we presume, the sentiments of most of our readers upon their first trial by saying:

"We hope Brother Brown will let his first effort in the line of mixed and lightning struck English suffice, for we cannot speak, or spell correctly, since reading this conglomeration of crazy alphabetical characters, which look, for all the world, as though they had been 'out on a drunk,' and were endeavoring to form a line of inverted fish hooks."

The best medicines are often bitter to the taste, and we did not expect that the aforesaid publishers, after four years of incongruous spelling, would adopt our systematic method without resistance. We find, however, on another page, that with stamp collecting, which at first appeared to them a trifling and frivolous pursuit, they are now completely infatuated, and we hope that after duly examining the merits of the kosmic, they will arrive at as happy a conclusion.



We are informed by Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., of 6 Bath st., Bath, England, publishers of the Stamp Collector's Magazine, a 24 paged monthly, price 4s., that owing to a change in the postal regulations, the postage to the U. S. will in future, be 2s. per year. Since its commencement, this has been the leading periodical on the subject. No. 92 for Sept., has a full account of the expected Angola and Prince Islands stamps, of the values 5 10 20 25 50 and 100 reis; and of the forthcoming  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny stamp, wrapper, and post card of Great Britain. We have received from the publishers the fourteenth edition of their price catalogue, and shall be happy to take any orders from it.

The Philatelist, a monthly magazine of 20 pages, published by Stafford Smith & Co., Colonade, Brighton, England, at 3s. per year, foreign postage extra, has in No. 43 for Sept. a valuable article on the detection of the Swiss forgeries.

We notice that the American Numismatic and Archaeological Journal of New York, has been discontinued, but is resumed under the title of the American Journal of Numismatics, and published quarterly by Jeremiah Colburn, 17 Bromfield st. Boston Mass. at \$2 per year. It contains 24 pages of articles of interest to coin collectors, and the records of the various numismatic societies of the United States.

## PRICE LIST OF AMERICAN CENTS.

1793 Liberty cap, Link & wreath	\$1 00	to \$10 00
1794, 1795 thick and thin die	25	2 00
1796 Liberty cap and fillet	50	3 00
1797 1798	10	4 00
1799	5 00	25 00
1800 1 2 3	10	1 00
1804	3 00	10 00
1805 6 7 8	25	1 00
1809 11	50	5 00
1813	25	2 00
1813 14 21 23	10	50
1816 17 18 19 uncirculated		1 00
1820		2 00
1816 to 1870	5	25
1856 nickel	1 50	2 50
1857 copper, large and small date	15	25

## AUTOGRAPH LETTERS.

Col. David Humphreys, aid to Wash'n.	Ls. \$1 50
Adj. Gen. Jos. Reed, Cont. Army	Ds. 1 00
Chas. Pinckney, signer of Const.	Als. 3 00
" "	Ds. 1 00
Robert Morris, signer Dec. of Ind.	Als. 1 50
Gen. Winfield Scott,	3d. per Als. 1 00
Gen. Alex. Macomb to Pres. Monroe	Als. 2 00
John Hancock, signer, early date	Ds. 3 00
Wm. H. Seward, Sec. of state	Als. 1 00
Richard M Johnson, Vice Pres.	Als. 1 00

The most important item in numismatics is the four days sale of the collection of Wm. Fewsmith of Philadelphia, which is to take place at Clinton Hall Oct. 4th, and is particularly rich in the American series. The dollar of 1804, half dime of 1802, Washington half dollar and George Clinton copper are lacking, but there are enough rarities to bring all the best collectors.

We have received catalogues of the collection of Postage stamps to be sold at auction Oct. 3rd., which will, we presume, to those who prefer unused stamps and collect Essays, be a great treat. To our regular customers, our charges for purchasing at auction sales are 10 per cent. on cost.

September commences the Weekly Journal of Philately, published by J. W. Scott & Co., of 34 Liberty st. N. Y. City, price \$2. It has 12 pages with an engraving in each No.; descriptions of new stamps, and some of the best articles from European publications. The monthly edition of 12 pages at \$1. per year, on fine paper, is compiled from this, and has illustrations in the original colors. We understand that the publishers distribute 25,000 copies of some numbers gratis; with this outlay a paper is almost sure to succeed.

The American Stamp Mercury, a monthly Journal of 28 pages, published by F. Trifet & Co. of Boston at \$1 per year, comes for Aug. and Sept. in a double no., it has 19 plates describing new stamps, and a description of the various Private Revenue Stamps; nearly all the remaining articles are taken from other periodicals.

For want of space we give this month a very short list of coins, autographs &c., but will give more next no. also list of newly issued stamps. We are continually purchasing collections of curiosities at our store No. 28 John St. (in connection with Wm. Erving's Antiquarian bookstore.)

## PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

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All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk. For those marked with a (\*), we will allow  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and for those marked with a ('), our list prices in exchange, for a limited quantity in good condition.

## UNITED STATES.

1845 Local Post Office stamps.	new.	used.
*Brattleboro, 5c. black		
*5c. New York post office, black	\$	\$ 60
'5c. Providence, black		10
'10c. " "		50
'St. Louis, 5c. black		
" 10c. "		5 00
Government issues.		
*1847 5c. brown		05
*10c. black		25
851 1 3 perforated & unperforated	03	01
*5 brown "		03
'10 green "		03
'12 black "		25
*12 black "		05
Set of 8		1 25
1861 1 2 3 5 10 12 15		02
'24 30		03
90c. blue		15
1869 1 2 3 6 10 12 15		01
'24 30		10
90		20
1870 1 2 3 6		01
10 12 15		03
'24 30		10
'90		25

## Envelope stamps.

'1853 3c. red on white and buff	10	02
1857 1c. blue on buff, 2 shades	04	
1861 3c. rose on blue paper, 2 sizes	20	
1861 3c. rose on white and buff	10	05
6c. " "	25	
10c. green " "	15	08
12c. two colors on buff	20	12
*20 24 "	40	
*40	75	
'2c. U. S. postage	15	08
1864 3c. rose on white and buff	04	01
'6c. " "	10	03
'3c. brown " "	06	
'6c. violet " "	10	04
1865 2c. black on yellow "	04	01
'9c. yellow	12	
*12 brown.	18	
*18 red	26	
24 blue	35	45
30 green	40	
*40 rose	75	
1870 2c. brown on buff and yellow	03	01
3 green, 3 shades	04	01
6 red 2 "	08	
10 brown	13	

## Newspaper wrappers.

1857 1c. blue	10	
*1863 U. S. Postage, 2c. black on buff		
1865 2c. black on buff	04	
1870 2c. " "	03	

Whole unused envelopes sent by mail for 1c. extra on each of ordinary size, and 2c. for official.

## "Confederate States."

'5c. Mobile, blue		5 00
'5c. New Orleans, brown	05	50
1862 5c. green, head of Davis	60	40
'5 blue " "	60	40
*10 blue, " Madison	50	
*10 red	2 00	
*2c. green, " Jackson	2 50	1 50
'1863 2c. red	15	25
'1c. orange, " Calhoun	40	
5 blue, " Davis	02	10
10 " "	02	10
*Ten cents, blue		
'20 green, " Washington	05	25
'Belgium 1869 set of 9 (no 6c.)	1 00	
'Brazil 1866 50 80 reis	15	08
'500 orange	50	10
'Bahamas 4 pence rose		04
'Ceylon $\frac{1}{2}$ penny lilac		04
Chili 1852 5c. on blue paper		20
'1867 1c. yellow	04	
'2 5 20		08
'Costa Rica $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue	15	12
'France 1859 10c. unpaid letter	05	
'Grenada 6 pence red	40	08
'Holland 1867 15 25 50		04
Italy 1856 1 2 centesimi	08	04
5 10	10	03
15 20 40	12	03
90 3 lire	20	
1870 Official, 1 2c.	02	
Mecklenburg Strelitz $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$	04	
Newfoundland 1863 1 cent violet	03	
North German Confed. set of 11	1 25	15
$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ silb. gr. & 1 kr.	03	02
Portugal 1866 5 reis black	03	
10 yellow	06	04
20 straw	10	04
'80 120		04
'100 lilac	20	03
'240 mauve	60	20
Roumania 1869 10 bani blue	08	05
25 50	10	
Russia 1870 5 kop. env. rose	12	
'Salvador 1 real red		04
'2 green		08
'4 brown		18
Saxony env. 1863 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 2 3 neu gr.	02	
'St. Helena 1 penny red	06	
'2 yellow	12	
'St. Vincent 1 penny red	05	04
Trinidad 1859 1 penny red	02	
U. S. LOCALS.		
Wells Fargo & Co. 25c. red and blue	20	50
'\$1 red	20	50
'\$2 red & green	20	
'\$4 black & green	25	
'\$1 circular blue	15	
Newspaper stamp blong blue	10	
Hussey's S. M. P. set of 4, 5 10 15 20c. 40		



The above illustration is taken from a silver coin in the possession of a young man in this city, and was handed down by his grandfather as a family relic. A similar coin was described in Dickeson's numismatic manual, and was sold in the Mickley sale for \$32; also the 1000 piece of double the size for \$70. The figures represent 500 millesimos Spanish money, and it was the first pattern for a half dollar of Colonial money.

This coin is the only one known of this variety, and has never before been described; it is in fine condition, size 15½ American scale, with engrailed edge; but owing to a slight flaw has not a good ring. The one from the Mickley collection was size 17, and had "CONFEDERATIO" with a mint mark on the obverse.

#### NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE.

Another sale of Postage stamps, from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia, was held at Leavitt Street & Co's, on Thursday evening, Sept. 8 1870.

The novelty of a stamp sale being over, and but few scarce stamps to encourage collectors being catalogued, the attendance was small, and the bids were mostly from dealers.

The highest bids were; for 3 Buenos Ayres of the Guacho series, 4 6 & 8 reales, \$15; Mobile 5 c. blue, used, \$2 75; set of 6 French Republic, unused, \$2 25; 5 Corrientes, do., \$2 12; Lallier's album for 1870, \$4 25. A lot of rare proofs and essays of U. S. stamps brought about 50 c. each; one for a \$200 revenue, \$1 50. The proceeds of the sale were about \$175.

#### THE U. S. LOCAL STAMPS.

We have many calls for complete sets of these stamps, but most of those which now fill the pages of collectors are imitations, and many of the originals having become rare, bring from 25c. to \$10. Having bought and sold these stamps before imitations were thought of, we know of no better authority on those of the Northern states.

About the year 1861, a great demand arising in Europe for them, Messrs. Kline of Philad'a. and Hussey of New York, undertook the supply. From some of the original proprietors they obtained enough to meet their wants, from others, the original plates, but the majority were reproductions in the original colors, which were so neatly done as to be generally accepted by dealers, and are yet sold in packets by the largest firms in Europe. The imitations of Taylor of Boston, not being so well executed, and displaying so many new colors, are generally discarded.

From the original varieties now obtainable, we have selected packet P, which contains no fancy colors and are all from the original plates. Others which we may be able to obtain, we shall catalogue separately on our inside page.

#### LIST OF AMERICAN REVENUE STAMPS.

##### CANADA.

1st. issue, all blue.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 cents.	\$ 04
20 30 40 50	06
\$1 \$2 \$3	20 to 40

2nd. issue.

1 2 3 5 6 9c. red	02
4 7 8 30c. red	06
10 20 30 40 50c. blue	03
\$1 green, with red centre	15
\$1 red, with green "	08
\$2 \$3 in two colors	20 to 40

Present issue, various colors.

1 2 3 5 6 9 10 20 30c.	03
4 7 8 40 50	05
\$1	12

\$2 \$3	20 to 40
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(Those stamped N. B. are used in New Brunswick, those with N. S. in Nova Scotia).

##### LAW STAMPS.

10c. 30c. 50c. \$1	08
20 40 60 70 80c.	15
90c. \$2 \$3 \$4 \$5	20 to 50

##### REGISTRATION STAMPS.

5 15 20 cents, red	25 to 50
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##### CALIFORNIA.

4c. yellow, 10 15 blue, 20 brown	\$ 03
30 40 red, 50 lilac	05
8 brown, \$1 lilac	08
8 yellow, 70c. \$2 lilac, \$1 50 green	10
\$3 \$4 \$5 red	15 to 25
\$10 \$20 lilac	40 to \$1

##### NEVADA.

2 cents yellow, 5 green	\$ 05
10 blue, 50c. \$1 crimson	15

50c. lilac	15
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##### BRAZIL.

100 reis, green	15
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Owing to the great demand for unlawful purposes, we do not keep a stock of the ordinary U. S. Revenue stamps.

#### ADDITIONAL LIST OF PACKETS.

P contains 20 varieties of genuine locals	\$ 50
Q " 25 Monograms, illuminated	25
R " 10 " in blue and gold	50
S " 25 Crests, illuminated	25

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